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Mayor Tom Barrett released the following statement regarding today's announcement by Milwaukee Fire Department Chief Doug Holton:

"I have the highest regard for Chief Doug Holton and commend him for his years of service to Milwaukee as both a firefighter and Chief.

Chief Holton has made difficult decisions and implemented initiatives that have led to increased public safety and confidence in Milwaukee's great fire department. His leadership through difficult budgets has been key to ensuring that our citizens continue to receive the country's highest quality fire and emergency medical services at a reasonable cost.

Milwaukee's loss is the Madison Area Technical College's gain. I wish Doug and his family only the best in the years to come."